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1. COMMUNIST CONTROLLED CGT ANNOUNCED 2 JANUARY THAT IT HAD SENT FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO THE WFTU (WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS) INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OFFICE IN TEL AVIV: "CGT SALUTES THE STRUGGLE OF ISRAELI WORKERS OF EL-AL COMPANY AND WISHES THEM FULL SUCCESS IN THEIR ACTION AGAINST THE REACTIONARY ECONOMIC POLICIES OF EMPLOYERS AND OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL."

2. COMMENT: THERE ARE SEVERAL INTRIGUING POINTS ABOUT THE CGT TELEGRAM: (A) IT ASSUMES THE EXISTENCE OF A WFTU LIAISON OFFICE IN TEL AVIV OF WHICH WE ARE NOT AWARE; (B) IT SEEKS TO BALANCE THE DECIDEDLY PRO-ARAB CGT POLICIES BY EXPLOITING THE EL-AL WORKERS STRIKE TO SHOW THAT CGT AS A TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION IS CAPABLE OF SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAELI WORKERS; (C) NOT-WITHSTANDING (B) ABOVE, CGT COULD NOT RESTRAIN ITSELF FROM QUALIFYING ISRAELI STATE AS REACTIONARY EVEN IF THIS IS DONE IN CONTEXT OF EL-AL STRIKE.

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